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# The Elba Clipper

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## Reward offered in ATV theft

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba Chief of Police Freddy Hanchey this week announced a reward is being offered in a theft case currently under investigation by his department.

Chief Hanchey said a 2006 Honda TRX 450 (4-wheeler ATV) was stolen from a residence on Davis Street in Elba some time between Oct. 28 and Oct. 31st. A reward is being offered for the recovery of the ATV and/or arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the theft.

31. He said the owner filed a report regarding the theft on Wednesday, Oct. 31, after the ATV was discovered missing.

While a dollar amount was not specified, Hanchey said a reward is being offered for the recovery of the ATV and/or the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the theft. The 4-wheeler is black with silver decals (as shown in the photo below).

Hanchey encourages anyone who may have seen any suspicious activity during this time frame to contact the Elba Police Department (897-2555) immediately.

In two other unrelated thefts, Chief Hanchey also requests the public's assistance in locating some stolen merchandise. Some time within the past couple of months, Hanchey said several items were taken from a storage building on Morrow Street in Elba. Items taken from the building included an antique porcelain icebox, antique meat scales, antique kerosene heater, two antique trunks, a 30-gallon honey extractor and several other items.

In a recent theft of a local business, Chief Hanchey said a Hussmann produce cooler was taken.

Again, he encouraged anyone with information about these thefts or the items taken to contact the Elba Police Department at 897-2555. The investigation into these thefts continues.

As the holiday season approaches, Chief Hanchey said it is extremely important for local citizens to pay attention to their surroundings and to report any suspicious activity and/or suspicious people.



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## Elba Chamber conducts seasonal events



For the Elba Chamber of Commerce, the end of October signifies the start of a busy season of holiday events. Last week, two events were hosted by the chamber - "The Old Haunted Jail" and "Pumpkins on the Square." While the "Old Haunted Jail" serves as a fund raising event for the chamber, "Pumpkins on the Square" is a free community event designed to serve children as they trick-or-treat around the downtown square from area merchants. Also during "Pumpkins on the Square" a costume contest is held for children. Above, Michael Moseley is shown distributing treats to youngsters dressed in costume during "Pumpkins on the Square" held last Tuesday, Oct. 30. Additional photos from "Pumpkins on the Square" can be found on Page 15 of today's newspaper while photos from "The Old Haunted Jail" can be found on Page 16. Next up for the Elba Chamber of Commerce will be the Christmas Festival and Parade on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

### NEWS BRIEF

According to information from Elba's Attorney, David Hanchey, a 2006 Chevrolet Malibu was stolen from the home of a resident on Davis Street in Elba some time between Oct. 28 and Oct. 31st. A reward is being offered for the recovery of the vehicle and/or arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the theft.

## Area Happenings

**THE ELBA TIGERS FOOTBALL TEAM** will play the first round of the playoffs Friday night, Nov. 9, with the Elba Tigers and Brantley Bulldogs in playoff action. Elba will travel to Brantley while Brantley will host Sunshine. Kickoff for both games is set for 7 p.m.

**THE ZION CHAPEL SCHOOL FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS** will conduct a program Friday, Nov. 9, at the Zion Chapel, Green Memorial Building, beginning at 9 a.m. honoring military and veteran. School officials invite all to attend. There will be a luncheon at the school to honor the guests. Gift items will be available to assist those in need. It would be helpful if the program be held during the week of Nov. 9-15. For more information, call Rhonda Flowers at (334) 897-4832, or email, [rhondaflowers@zionchapel.org](mailto:rhondaflowers@zionchapel.org).

**ELBA OFFICIALS WILL BE CHOSEN** for the 2008 Elba Chamber of Commerce. There will be a meeting for the new board members on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 7 p.m. at the Elba Chamber of Commerce. The meeting will be held at the Elba Chamber of Commerce, 610 North Troy Rd., Elba, AL 36323. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8, at the Elba Chamber of Commerce.



**DAY SPA OPEN FOR BUSINESS...** The Elba Chamber of Commerce officially welcomed Isabella to business last Thursday, Nov. 8, with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Several city officials and dignitaries along with chamber board members and other friends gathered for the special occasion. Isabella is owned and operated by Carol Jackson and is located inside Tangles Salon and Day Spa in downtown Elba. A variety of spa services are offered for both women and men. The staff of Isabella and Tangles Salon were joined by Elba Mayor James Grimes and the Elba queens for the ribbon cutting. Ribbon cutting participants included (standing on the ground, left to right): Melissa Fillingim, Junior Miss Elba Cortlin Lee, Chara Bimbo, Kaci English, Tammy Mack, Little Miss Elba Kayla Seay, Carol Jackson - owner of Isabella, Isabella Jackson, Mayor James Grimes, Melissa Flowers - owner of Tangles Salon, Future Little Miss Elba Makayla Polk and Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce. Several chamber board members, business leaders and other friends gathered around the porch of the business for the ceremony.

## County BOE elects chairman and vice chairman

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education voted to elect a chairman and vice chairman for the year last Thursday, Nov. 1, during the board's annual meeting.

Charles Walker was reelected to serve as chairman while Danny Jernigan was reelected to serve as vice chairman.

During the meeting, board members gave the Zion Chapel band permission for out-of-state travel next year provided adequate funds are raised for the trip.

Zion Chapel band director Erin McLaughlin addresses board members and said the band has been offered a chance to participate in New Year's Day in Jan. 2009 at the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, La. She said Zion Chapel was one of 21 bands chosen to participate in this event.

McLaughlin said the trip will be a 5-day/4-night excursion to New Orleans in which the band will participate in several different events leading up to the "big" performance during half-time of the Sugar Bowl game. She said plenty of chaperones will also make the trip with band members.

Board members gave their approval for the trip providing the funds are raised. McLaughlin said, if for some reason enough money is not

raised for the trip, the band will not go, but she does not expect this to be a problem.

Board members also approved several other out-of-state travel requests which included allowing the sixth grade gifted class at Zion

Chapel to explore the possibility of planning a trip to New York.

While reviewing the financial statement, Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram said she thought it would be an appropriate time to

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## Special presentation planned Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> during Veterans Day program at Elba High School

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Ben Busbee attended Elba High School until he had to leave school to serve his country in World War II. He went to war with the United States Navy before he was able to graduate and receive his high school diploma.

Now in his 80s, Busbee resides in Shalimar, Fla., and while he has accomplished many things throughout his life, he still does not possess a high school diploma. However, that will change this week.

Elba High School will conduct its Veterans Day program Thursday, Nov. 8, and Ben Busbee will be the recipient of a very special presentation.

"We're very excited to be able to present Mr. Busbee with an honorary diploma from Elba High School during the Veterans Day program on Thursday," Elba City School Superintendent Danny Weeks

said earlier this week. Weeks said he believes this is the first time Elba High School has made such a presentation, and he is very excited for the school and for Busbee. He said the school requested through the state permission to make the presentation, and it has been granted.

Not only did Busbee serve in the U.S. Navy during WWII, but he also was in Pearl Harbor the day it was bombed. Weeks said he believes the diploma presentation to Busbee will make this year's Veterans Day program even more special for those who attend.

The program is set to begin at approximately 10:30 a.m. Thursday morning, and several guests are expected to attend. As part of the day, school officials are encouraging students to "dress up" for the day in honor of all Veterans, as well as, in honor of the school's football team for making the state playoffs.

## Design Meet the Coffee County EMS Team

Aaron O'Connell joined the Coffee County EMS team 1 month ago and currently serves as an EMT-Basic.

O'Connell's training includes EVOIC, CPR and BLS. He is also currently enrolled as a full-time student at Lurleen B. Wallace Community College in the EMT-Paramedic program.

When asked what he enjoys the most about his job, he replied, "helping the public and meeting new and interesting people."

O'Connell's hobbies and interests include working out and spending time with his family and friends. He is also employed as a Nextel and Southern Linc phone specialist.



EMT-Basic Aaron O'Connell







# LIFESTYLES



## Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church to celebrate 100 years

The Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church was established in 1907. It was located in a field with the entrance through the gates of a well used pasture. Its location was one and one-half miles west of its present location 931 Damascus Hwy.

The 100th Church Anniversary celebration will be on Sunday, November 18, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. Reverend W. L. Peterson and The Greater New Zion Baptist Church of Elba, Alabama will be special guests.

The first building used for worship was a one room structure divided by one partition to create a special area of authority for the pastors. This building was used until 1927, at which time the assembly of faithful believers moved to another wood building at its present location.

The first pastor on record for the Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church was Reverend Cleveland Wilkerson. During the earlier years there were other pastors Reverend Frank Pierson, Reverend R. Berry, and Reverend T. Good.

Under the leadership of Reverend R. Berry the Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church grew both in membership and financially. The support of the members helped to accomplish many improvements and acquire the church property. It was recorded that Brothers B. Bess and C. B. Holloway were ordained first deacons and Sister Orp Reynolds as church clerk.

In the summer of 1946 a church baptism pool was dug. Until then candidates were being baptized in a small stream about three-fourth mile east of the church.

In the year of 1953 Reverend Grimes was named pastor and

## The Republican Women of Coffee County hold monthly meeting in Enterprise

The Republican Women of Coffee County held their monthly meeting at the R.W.C. member Rene Dargy told the members of her husband's efforts to capture the hearts and minds of the Iraqi soldiers and civilians.

Victoria Baptist Church to have special

Veteran's Day Service

Victoria Baptist Church will hold a Veteran's Day Service on Sunday, November 11, 2007 around the Memorial Flag Pole at the church. The service will be held from 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. Guest speaker will be Lt. Colonel Rick Hayes.

Everyone is invited to attend.

## Auburn University announces area summer graduate

Auburn University announces area student graduates for the summer 2007.

Coffee - Elba Bachelors

BS, Exercise Science Lindsay K. Lawford

## Newbie Jr. High School Reunion planned for Saturday, November 10

The Newbie Jr. High School Reunion will be held Saturday, November 10 beginning at 10 a.m. at Newbie Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The church is located on County Road 330 in Elba. A covered dish lunch will be served.

## The Williamson Family to be in concert at Shiloh Baptist Church

November 17th The Williamson Family from Crestview, FL will be in concert at Shiloh Baptist Church starting at 7 p.m. The event will start with a BBQ covered dish supper starting at 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend and enjoy a time of food, fellowship and good Southern Gospel singing.

## Troy University Symphony Band salutes veterans of the Armed Forces

The Troy University Symphony Band will provide its ninth annual "Salute to Our Veterans and Armed Forces" in three concerts this month.

The symphony band, under the direction of conductor Ralph Ford, will open its concert series at 7 p.m. Thursday (November 8th) in Claudia Crosby Theater on the Troy Campus. On November 9, a special performance will be conducted at 10 a.m. at Troy Elementary School, and at 7 p.m. November 13 in the Montgomery Campus' Davis Theater.

Ford calls the performances a way to give special recognition to the current and past members of the American military. "It's important to say 'thank you' to those who have served and it's important that we lend our support to those who are defending freedom today," he said. "It's our small gift to those people who are in position to have to make the ultimate sacrifice."

This year's concert features "Godspeed!" by Stephen Melillo, "Suite of Old American Dances," "Washington Gray," "Bandancing," "Elegy for a Young American," "George Washington Bicentennial March," "South Pacific," "Midway March," "Salute to the Armed Forces" arranged by Larry Clark, "The Impossible Dream," "Hymn to the Marines," "Stars and Stripes Forever," and "America the Beautiful."

The events are free and open to the public.

children where he serves in Baghdad. He expressed a need for items like soccer balls to help win the hearts and minds of the children and their parents in the area he serves. These items help to establish communication and trust between US and Iraqi soldiers and civilians.

The RWCC members are sending 50 soccer balls now and plan to provide items needed for a girls school that is just opening for the first time since the war began. This is an ongoing project for the club.

## Janet Stewart Felts receives award

Janet Stewart Felts, the daughter of Harold and Jo Ann Stewart of Jack, was recently recognized as an SPRF (Southern Public Relations Federation) Senior Practitioner. The SPRF designation honors public relations professionals recognized by peers as veteran practitioners with high ethical standards. The award recognizes long-term professional service, significant service to SPRF or a member state association, professional achievement through peer-reviewed awards and/or national professional accreditation by the Universal Accreditation Board. Felts serves on the Board of Directors for the North Alabama Chapter of the Public Relations Council of Alabama.

Felts is a graduate of Zion Chapel High School, Enterprise State Junior College (now Enterprise-Ozark Community College) and Auburn University. She graduated with high honors with a bachelor's degree in Public Relations. She resides in Madison, Ala., with her husband Jerry and 9-year-old daughter, Taylor. She is a Marketing Officer for Redstone Federal Credit Union in Huntsville, the largest credit union in the state, and most recently was Communications Manager for SysDyncs Corporation, a global library software company.

"Besides backing up the singers, band members Chris Brooks, Brandon Nelson, and Jon Saunders will perform an original jazz piece."

Soloists for this concert include: Kristen Beckham, Casey Brown, Brooke Connell, Drew Culp, Nina Ducharme, Jordan Hall, Brooke Hickman, Tina Horton, Megan Peacock, Chelsea Turvin, Joseph Waters, and Josh Weber.

There is an admission charge at the door. For more information, contact Jeff Jordan at (334) 347-2623, ext. 2319.

## Wilson Newman to be honored with "Birthday Celebration"

Everyone is invited to attend a "Birthday Celebration" for Wilson Newman on November 11, 2007 at The Old South Inn located at 715 Davis St. Elba, Ala., from 1:30 to 3:30 in the afternoon. No gifts please.

at a reception in their honor on Sunday, the eighteenth of November two thousand and seven one-thirty until three-thirty in the afternoon

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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

Harris Temple Church of God in Christ  
Supt. William Keith Ellison, Pastor

Word from the Lord as given to  
Evangelist Dyan Morland

## Give me understanding

Psalm 119:34-35

34-Give me understanding, and I will keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.  
35-Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

Understanding is defined as coming to know the meaning or importance of, or to accept as a condition of. In this text, David was pleading to the Lord for help in getting to know or grasping the importance of who He (God) is. This is very important because unless we get to know the person we love intimately (with closeness, or marked by one's innermost thoughts, feelings, etc.) - we have no idea as to how we are to please that person to enjoy the benefits of a harmonious relationship.

First and foremost, we must grasp the fact that God is our author and creator. This means that God began the existence when He formed us in our mother's womb. Not only did He form us, but He wrote the script for our lives. So, we are subject to His desires and purposes for our lives. If we want to be in that we can be in this life, we must put God's desires ahead of everything else in life, knowing that without Him we couldn't have life at all. Therefore, if we put Him first, everything else will align or come into agreement with His path or plans for our lives. Now that we have an understanding of who God is and what His requirements are, our question should be what's next? I'm glad that you asked! We must first confess our sins and inadequacies to the Lord and then repent of our short-comings. Repent actually means to feel remorse or regret and to change one's feeling about what we are doing. We have to turn away from our inadequacies in order to seek for and to receive God's "All-Sufficiency" - meaning, we no longer seek to please our fleshly desires; but we seek to please the desires of our Heavenly Father. We must accept Christ Jesus into our hearts and make Him ruler of our lives, as Savior and Lord of our lives.

What's next? We have the privilege of receiving this reward if we make this choice - "for if we delight ourselves in the Lord, He will give us the desires of our hearts." Why? - Because our desires will be in complete agreement with His desires for our lives. When we are in complete harmony with His Will or purpose for our lives; it is not hard to do what is right - even if when it causes distress in our flesh. We will know most assuredly that everything and all things are working together for our good. Why? - Because we love the Lord and are the called (hand-picked) according to His purpose. I'd like to encourage us all - "in all our getting, let us get understanding"; for this is the will of God through Christ Jesus that concerns us. Amen

## Harvest festival planned for November 10th at Mt. Olive Baptist Church

Mt. Olive Baptist Church will hold a harvest festival and hayride on Saturday, November 10, 2007 beginning at 4:00 p.m. Activities for the children will include "go fish," ring toss, basketball throw, apple bobbing, face painting, and others. There will also be a dunking booth.

Hot dogs and sausage from the grill, with all the trimmings, will be served at 5:00 p.m. and the hayride will begin at 6 p.m.

Mt. Olive is located in the Pine Level Community, where County Road 355 meets Highway 141. Richard Moss is the pastor.

## Round & About

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SCRIPTURE: Psalm 57:1-11

THINKING OF YOU, PRAYING FOR YOU: The Warren Family, Rev. Willie Curry, Rev. Henry Shy Jr., Rev. J. L. Gray, Men and Women in the Armed Forces

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS: Nehata Gavin- November 6, Paul Belcher- November 6, Juanita Burks- November 6, Charlotte Caldwell- November 7, Earnest Williams- November 9, Greg Coleman Jr.- November 13

THE TRIUMPH CHURCH-KINGDOM OF GOD IN CHRIST, located on Martin Luther King Drive, Elba, Alabama, Shepherd Grace Knight Daniels, pastor holds worship services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays beginning at 11:00 a.m. and 2nd and 4th Sundays at 7 p.m.

Revival services will be held Nov. 7-9, 2007 beginning at 7 p.m. nightly. The evangelist will be Melvin Knight, pastor of City Without Walls, Troy, Alabama.

## Faith Chapel Church to host homecoming November 11th

Faith Chapel Church will host homecoming on November 11, 2007 beginning at 10:30 a.m. The speaker will be Syble Randall and the singers will be Phillip and Shey Adcock and special singers.

Faith Chapel is located on Highway 189, three miles north of Perry Store.

## Mt. Zion Baptist Church plans gospel singing for Saturday, November 10th

Mount Zion will have a gospel singing on Saturday, November 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Guest singing groups will be The Franklins and The Blue Grass Broken Arrows.

Mt. Zion Baptist Church is located at Mixons Cross Rds.

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 17, 2007 beginning at 7 p.m. The featured singing group will be The Gospel Express, from Phenix City, Ala.

For more information contact Gus Grimes at (334) 897-6793 or 465-5555, or call Bill Daughtry- (334) 735-2010.

## Fleeta Full Gospel Church to hold Benefit Gospel Sing

Fleeta Full Gospel Church will have a Benefit Gospel Singing Saturday, November 10th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. featuring "Derek Snellgrove & Singers".

"The Singing Miracles", and others Fleeta Full Gospel Church is located in the Fleeta Community (near Opp). For more information call Pastor Dell Dubose at 334-488-4677.

## "Ladies Night Out" set at Hillcrest Baptist Church for November 16th

Ladies Night Out at Hillcrest Baptist Church will feature guest speaker Rita Hinton who was born behind the "iron curtain" in Communist oppression but escaped and had a life changing encounter with God. She is a wife, mother, author, teacher, artist and more.

The event will be in the church Fellowship Hall November 16, 2007, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$6.00 per person. Call Pennie at 347-2516 to pre-register. Registration deadline is November 13, 2007.

Payment can be made in advance or at the door. Childcare facilities will be provided.

## Faith Assembly of God to hold "Teen Challenge Service"

Faith Assembly of God Church will hold a "Teen Challenge Service" on Sunday, November 11, 2007 beginning at 11 a.m.

Teen Challenge is a national and international program of the Assemblies of God. The founder, Rev. David Wilkerson, was led by God to the streets of New York City to work with those whose lives were controlled by drugs and other addictions.

Testimonies will be given from men from the Teen Challenge Men's Training Center of Birmingham, Alabama.

## The McKameys to be in concert at Country Cathedral

The McKameys and the Dyess Family will be in concert at Country Cathedral on Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. No admission will be charged. Country Cathedral is located on U.S. Hwy 84 about 5 miles east of Opp. For more information call 334-493-7413.

## Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church to hold Gospel Singing

There will be a gospel singing at Chestnut Grove United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 17, 2007 beginning at 7 p.m. The featured singing group will be The Gospel Express, from Phenix City, Ala.

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## ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

## Church Directory

## ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

Rev. Robert M. Waters

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

## FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Nelson, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service - 7:00 p.m.

## IN ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

## LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

## MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. R. Fuels, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

## MT. GLEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

## MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Billy Reid

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

## HERBON BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Larry Grimes, Pastor

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

## INNOVATION BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. David Tuck

Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship - 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service - 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

## ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor

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# SCHOOLS

## CoOp Spotlight

by Erica Daniels



This week's Co-op spotlight focuses on **Tiffany Renee Johnson**.

Tiffany is the 17-year-old daughter of LV and Effie Johnson. She is currently employed at Dairy Queen, where she has worked for 1 year and 4 months as a cashier. Tiffany is a member of Sr. Beta, EHS Ambassadors, Girl Scout Troop #300 and Skills USA, in which she serves as vice-president. She describes herself as a all-around good person who enjoys having a great time and loves spending time with her wonderful mother Effie Johnson.

After graduation Tiffany plans to join the Air Force and pursue a degree in criminal justice.



## Tiger Tales

Editors:  
Erica Daniels &  
Kelly Corder



## Elba High holds blood drive

by Yoquesha Terry

On Wednesday, Oct. 24, the Elba High School Student Government Association sponsored a blood drive. The sponsor of the Student Government Association is Mrs. Yvette Akridge.

The American Red Cross conducted the blood drive. 94 students participated in the blood drive donating 72 pints of blood. That is the most pints ever collected at a blood drive at Elba High School.

There should be another blood drive held in the Spring.

## Announcements:

- Elba playoff game vs. Winfield (Away) Friday, Nov. 9
- Canned Food Drive underway through Nov. 16th (Please take all cans to Mrs. Akridge room)
- Yearbooks are available for pick up and extras are on sale for \$45. Contact the journalism staff at EHS for more information.
- Fall Festival Nov. 15 at EES
- Thanksgiving Holidays November 19-23
- Retired Teacher's Tea at EES November 15, 2007
- Pilgrim Festival November 15, 2007
- Santa Store at EES December 3, 2007

## CCYLP takes students on agriculture tour

by Megan Sullivan

The Coffee County Youth Leadership Program (CCYLP) has been busy again. In October students learned about agriculture and ways that agriculture diversifies.

Wednesday, Oct. 24, CCYLP students went to Enterprise to learn more about agriculture. The first stop on the tour was Country's Best Farm, where students met the owners and learned how they run their business.

The owners explained if for some reason they do not sell all of their produce, they will carry the extra food to the local elementary school or will give it away.

After leaving the business, the group traveled to the gin. There students learned only a few things cotton is used for.

The group also had the opportunity to go into the gin to see all the equipment, and the manager



CCYLP students recently visited the cotton gin as part of their agriculture tour.

explained how it is used. The leaders explained the cotton-seeds and waste are given to some farmers who distribute it on their farms.

Following the cotton gin, the group traveled to the Tice Chicken Houses, where Mr. Tice and a few of his helpers

prepared grilled chicken and hamburgers for lunch. After feasting, students were given plastic boots and escorted to one of 13 chicken houses.

Inside the house, Mr. Tice explained how they are cleaned out. He also allowed students to pet the chickens.



## FFA members travel to Moultrie, Georgia for AgExpo

Submitted by the FFA Officers Edited by Kelly Corder

On Thursday, Oct. 18, 42 members of the Elba High School FFA Chapter and a few guests from the community traveled to the Sunbelt AgExpo in Moultrie, Ga.

The group toured the field demonstrations, where they observed the latest in agriculture tillage and harvesting equipment in action. It was interesting to

see laser-controlled field leveling equipment, GPS navigation system guiding large farm tractors, round bale cotton harvesters, and various hay harvesting equipment.

The group also toured the livestock exhibits from colleges and universities, as well as, numerous exhibits of agribusiness vendors. The antique tractor parade and the one-cylinder gas-powered ice cream machines were also enjoyable and tasty.

FFA advisor Joe Waldorf said, "everyone enjoyed the trip and we are looking forward to the next trip to the Peanut Festival."

## Elba students celebrate Red Ribbon Week

by Kelly Corder

Red Ribbon Week is celebrated each year in memory of D.E.A. Agent Enrique Camarena.

A sign that Camarena was murdered by the Mexican Drug Cartel on February 7, 1985. To honor his memory, students in his hometown began to wear red ribbons.

The red ribbon, a symbol of ZERO tolerance for alcohol, illegal drug and tobacco used by youth, and a commitment to substance abuse prevention, is worn or displayed by millions of Americans in an act of unity.

This year, students at Elba Elementary and Elba High School had dress-up days to show their support for drug-free

lifestyles. Monday, Oct. 22, was "Red Ribbon Kickoff", and students were encouraged to wear their red ribbons.

Tuesday was "Socks it to Drugs Day", and students could wear the craziest socks they could find. Wednesday was "Tie Down Drugs Day", students wore crazy ties. Thursday's dress up theme was "Boot Out Drugs", and students could wear their favorite team's shirts or jerseys.

Teachers had the opportunity to talk to the students about the dangers of drugs and ways to work together to "just say no." This year's Red Ribbon Week was a great success.

## Season begins for Jr. High basketball teams

by Kim Blue

The Jr. High girls' and boys' basketball teams opened their season against Fleeta on Tuesday, Oct. 23, and against Samson on Thursday, Oct. 25.

The boys' teams had successful games, although both Fleeta and Samson defeated the girls' team.

The boys' had a rather easy win against Fleeta. They came out on top with a win of 55-17. The boys also had another easy win over Samson, with a score of 39-11.

Thomas Cole, an 8th grader, said, "Coach Bledsoe coached us well, and when we listen to what he says, we come out with a victory."

In the first game of the season, the team kept the game close but struggled at the free throw line, sinking only five of 22. The girls' team played well overall, but just could not come out with a win.

With only 2.1 seconds left in the game, Fleeta scored a go ahead basket and ended the game with a score of 26-24. Elba also

played Samson, but lost 35-17. Elba felt confident at halftime as they were winning. Coach Peacock explained, "The girls were on top at halftime, but they could not make a basket in the second half."

In their defense, the Elba girls were a bit outmanned, facing a more experienced Samson team. Coach Peacock and Coach Bledsoe stated, "the teams played well, but there is still room to improve."

## Elba Tigers attack Abbeville

by April Price

The Elba Varsity football team traveled to Abbeville Friday, Oct. 26, to compete for their sixth win.

Elba High School's theme for that day in school was "Attack Abbeville." The students wore camouflage. Well, Elba truly attacked Abbeville with an ending score of 47 to 18.

Along with other excellent plays, Trey Martin, senior quar-

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# SCHOOLS

## FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton High School News

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## Attention All Interested Softball Players:

Tryouts will be  
November 19, 20th  
(3:30-5:30) and  
November 21st (12-2pm).

Anyone interested in trying out should see Coach Carruthers or Coach Zorn with any questions or concerns.



Claire Bailey, an eighth grader, was the recipient of a \$50 gift card, courtesy of Mrs. Cole and Wal-Mart. Mrs. Cole had promised all of her students if they were perfect in attendance for the first grading period, their name would go into a drawing. 26 students, which is very impressive, qualified. Mrs. Cole will repeat the process throughout the year.

## Students of the Month



November Students of the Month recently were announced. They include: (front row, l to r) 7th Grade: Nikki Lee, 8th Grade: Chad Beavers, 9th Grade: Cailynn Bastion; (back row, l to r) Principal Gary Glass, 10th Grade: Skyler Lee, 11th Grade: Clarissa Pynes, and 12th Grade: Beth Vaughan

## NBES announces honor rolls for first grading period

### "A" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade: Mason Adams, Cheyenne Adkinson, Christina Green, Ashley Hines, Bryon Johnson, Maleah Johnson, William Leckie, Grace Mayo, Rylee Mock, Caitlyn Nolin, Cameron Nolin, Caden Pearson,

Danielle Pote, Hanna Prater, Andrew Simon, Alexander Staats, Nicole Stephens, David Strunk, Kordasia Truitt, Slade Wilkins

2nd Grade: Kevin Accomero, Dalton Adkins, Dylan Baker, Philip Cardwell, Shelby Caylor, Regan Danner, Johnisa Draugh, Ebony Flowers, Brianna Harris, Grace Lee, Bethany Macon, Randi Phillips, Taylor Rogers, Katlyn Salter, Maxwell Terry, Landon Winburn

3rd Grade: Dontarius Adams, Dakota Anderson, Dalton Bryan, Amara Clark, Samantha Cline, Kayleigh Dieckow, Madison Ellis, Felicity Graves, Hayley Haggard, Kaylor Hatway, Tiffany Hataway, Hanna Holloway, Anna Kelley, Clayton Kelley, Courtney Lee, Hannah Lindsey, Brooklyn Maddox, Henry Mayo, Molly McDaniel, Noah McDaniel, Amber Monn, Syminda Nelson, Jessie Victoria O'Neal, Calvin Phillips, Cody Price, Patrick Richards, Jonna Thomas, Brittany Tidwell, Michael Watson, Savannah Williams

4th Grade: Casey Adkins, Nichole Cooper, Maggie Beth Harrison, Victoria Hudson, Katie Kelley, Madison McKinney, Austin McWaters, Wyatt Moore, Brianna Strickland, Adrianna Whittaker

5th Grade: Taylor Corbitt, Mason DuBose, Kaelyn Fillingim, Jennifer Lee, Kyle Ray, Aaron Simon

6th Grade: Kristy Aceman, Tucker Deters, John Nathan Dunaway, Alexis Ellis, Daniel Everhart, Brittney Grantham-Hill, Patric Herring, Leonel Lozano, Kaley Moore, Keenan Rachel, Alyssa Spivey, Cheyenne Strickland, Grady Whittaker

### "A-B" HONOR ROLL

1st Grade: Hunter Andrews, Owen Blakeney, Shy'nae Bonner, Dylan Boozer, Paige Bright, Becky Cline, Kateland Hickman, Brandon Kelley, Noah Lindley, Adrienne Marshall, Wanya' McMillan,

## Two NBHS students attend youth council conference

On Thursday, Oct. 18, Mrs. Dawn Smith took Daniel Pair and Jessica Parrish to the 5th Annual Alabama Youth Council for HIV/AIDS Prevention Conference in Montgomery.

Daniel and Jessica were selected because of their leadership skills as well as the desire to go. The purpose of the conference was to give information related to the prevention of HIV/AIDS.

The conference featured a general session for all attendees led by Tom Robertson. Mr. Robertson is a well known speaker about HIV/AIDS and STD's in the state of Alabama. The factual information he presented was to inform those present about making a difference in their school and community when it comes to HIV/AIDS prevention.

After the general session, break-out sessions were held separately for teachers/sponsors and students. In these sessions the students and teachers/sponsors were given a chance to hear more factual information about HIV/AIDS prevention. Sessions were led by other students and teachers from all across the state of Alabama.

The day ended with another general session led by "Ole" Pete Key. Mr. Key is known for presenting information about HIV/AIDS prevention in a drama/musical format. His presentation was entitled "Making a Difference". It featured students



Daniel Pair and Jessica Parrish attended the conference

and Mr. Key acting out a scenario of a father and daughter finding out that the 13-year-old daughter had been diagnosed with AIDS. Each student present received

## MEET A TEACHER

Name: Jaime Carruthers  
Subject and Grades Taught: Physical Education 7-12

Do you coach any sports? Yes. I am the head softball coach and an assistant girls' basketball coach.

Where are you from originally? Ottawa, Ontario Canada.

From what high school and college did you graduate? Holy Trinity Catholic High School and Alabama A & M University (undergraduate and graduate)

What are your hobbies? Sports, movies, reading, sewing, cooking, scrapbooking, traveling, photography, and drawing.

What do you like about the subject you teach? Why do you think it's important? I love PE. I get to be involved in sports and activities all day long. I don't have to be still if I don't want to. I think physical education is important because America needs to become a more active nation. I feel my class helps get students get involved in lifetime activities.

What do you do to reach students? Humor and being actively involved. I know what the students interests are.

Other than your subject, what's the most important thing you try to teach students? I try to teach them about life and the importance of being



Get to know a little bit about new Teacher and Coach Jaime Carruthers

physically active.

What do you like about New Brockton High School? I like the fact that it's a small school and the faculty is so friendly and helpful.

Do you have any hidden talents? Sewing!

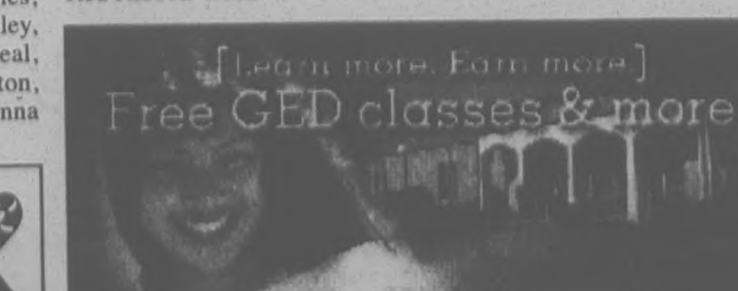
What's one interesting thing people may not know about you? I'm a daddy's girl. I am extremely close to my family.

Do you have a pet peeve? I don't like rude people. I also don't like students talking back, rolling their eyes, or bad attitudes.

Describe a memorable event or funny moment you've had at NBHS. So far, Homecoming 2007, but I have a feeling there will be plenty more memorable moments here.



Red Ribbon Week...NBHS participated in Red Ribbon Week during October 22-26. Students wore red ribbons, participated in dress-up days, and pledged to be drug free. Red Ribbon Week was sponsored by the NBHS Ambassadors. Above, Chelsea Smith, Beth Vaughan, Chelsea Dempsey and Erica Locklin put up posters for Red Ribbon Week.



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<b>FUND BALANCE OCTOBER 1, 2006</b>	<b>1,628,279.06</b>
<b>REVENUES:</b>	
STATE REVENUES	5,249,496.57
FEDERAL REVENUES	1,205,025.77
LOCAL REVENUES	1,786,323.61
OTHER REVENUES	35,486.16
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>8,276,332.11</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:</b>	
FUND TRANSFERS IN	288,476.24
OTHER SOURCES	107,433.13
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>395,909.37</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE &amp; OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>8,672,241.48</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>	
INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES	4,864,757.95
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES	1,417,037.28
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	773,304.59
AUXILIARY SERVICES	1,106,790.73
GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	407,992.57
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DEBT SERVICES:	
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OTHER DEBT SERVICES	
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>159,571.41</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>8,729,454.53</b>
<b>OTHER FUND USES:</b>	
FUND TRANSFERS OUT	288,476.24
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<b>TOTAL OTHER FUND USES</b>	<b>288,476.24</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER FUND USES</b>	<b>9,017,930.77</b>
<b>ENDING FUND BALANCE SEPTEMBER 30, 2007</b>	<b>1,282,589.77</b>

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT, ALABAMA**  
ELBA DIVISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION PETITION OF TIMOTHY DAVID GILLEY**

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION PROCEEDING**

Joel Christen Day, who whereabouts are unknown, must answer Timothy David Gilley's petition to adopt the minor child, Courtney Nicole Day, within thirty (30) days with the Probate Clerk of Coffee County, Elba, Alabama. Please take notice that a petition for adoption in the above styled matter has been filed in said Court by Timothy David Gilley of 10377 Hwy. 87, Elba, AL 36323 and that the 20th day of December, 2007, at 10:00 a.m. a hearing on the same is set in the Probate Court of Coffee County, Elba, Alabama.

**DONE** this 26th day of October, 2007.

/s/ William O. Gammill  
William O. Gammill, Probate Judge

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**Anglers asked to watch for invasive fish species**

Anglers can help protect Alabama waters by stopping aquatic hitchhikers like the bighead (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*) and silver carp (*H. molitrix*). These two invasive fish species have been spreading within the lakes and rivers of the Mississippi River region in the central United States. These carp also pose a threat to Alabama waters through their potential to dominate the fish populations of streams and lakes which would severely impact recreational and commercial fisheries. Feeding on plankton, these fish compete with native muskies, largemouth bass and other species for food. Brought to North America from Asia in the early 1970s, they escaped to the Mississippi River and many of its tributaries by the early 1980s. Contributing spreading factors to new waters include wild bait harvest and release. Live bait into waters instead properly disposing live bait into the trash. Early detection of isolated populations may help slow or restrict the spread of these carp. As part of the national Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! campaign, the Fisheries Section of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division is asking for assistance from anglers in helping curb the spread of these and other non-native aquatic species. General characteristics of the carp include:

- Low-set eye; scale less head; very small body scales;
- Large upturned mouth without barbels, unlike common carp;
- Adults may be more than 60 lbs. in weight and 4 ft. long in length.

Hybrids between these fish may exhibit characteristics of both species.

Anglers can help by using the following guidelines:

- Do not harvest bait from waters infested with bighead or silver carp.
- Dispose of unwanted live bait in the trash.
- Never release fish from one body of water to another.
- Report all sightings of bighead and silver carp.

If one of these carp is caught in Alabama, anglers are urged to note the exact location of the catch and notify the Fisheries Section of the ADCNR's WFF Division at 334-242-3471. Specimens will be used to confirm sightings so anglers should freeze fish in a sealed plastic bag. A fisheries biologist will pick up the fish. Anglers can also photograph the fish for verification.

Visit [www.protectyourwaters.net](http://www.protectyourwaters.net) for more information on the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers! campaign.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### The C.C. Celebrity Chef 4-H Club to meet November 12th

The Coffee County Celebrity Chef 4-H club will meet at 6:00 P.M. and the out of school 4-H Club will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, November 12, 2007 at the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton, AL. If you have an interest in learning new

things and improving your cooking skills, you will not want to miss the special programs that have been planned. These clubs are sponsored by the Coffee County office of the Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

**Miss American Indian Contest set for Saturday, November 10th in Montgomery**

The Miss Alabama Indian Contest will be held on Saturday, November 10, 2007 at 1:00 P.M. It will be held in the auditorium of the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery.

The Miss Alabama Indian receives a college scholarship. In addition to the Miss Alabama Indian Affairs contest the MaChis Lower Creek Indian Tribe and Tribal Business will be receiving an award. All members are encourage to attend.

**Annual Harvest Banquet will be held at Elba Zion Christian Community Center**

The Elba Zion Christian Community Center and Board of Trustees will present the First Annual Harvest Banquet on November 10, 2007 beginning at 6 p.m. at the National Security Conference Center, located on Hwy. 84 East, Elba.

The guest speaker will be Mrs. Oveta Pearce, Director of Federal Programs for the Enterprise School System. Music will be provided by Evangelist Ronald Haynes. There will be a charge to attend this event. For more information contact Bro. Perry



Remember Our Vets

ON OCTOBER 20TH, SCOTTY BRADSHAW HAD A WISH COME TRUE. Volunteers from Enterprise Rescue Squad picked Scotty up from his Elba home and transported him to the South Alabama Speedway in Kinston. Escorted by the Red Hat Society chapter, Red Hat Mamas of Elba, he got to spend time watching his favorite driver Sam "Shanky" Smith. Smith and other drivers gave him hats, shirts and even trophies as his attendance touched their hearts. Mother Elaine Williamson, sister Crystal, and dad George looked on proudly as Scotty shouted over the PA system "Gentlemen, start your engines!"

Pictured top: Erma Lynch, Linda Bauer, Jeana Smith, Patsy Jordan, Elaine Williamson, EMT Will Mathis, EMT Amanda Solomon Bottom: Scotty Bradshaw and Sam Shanky Smith



# SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

My girls may live away from home at college, and I am sure they enjoy their freedom and the ability to make their own decisions. However, last week they both had bouts with illnesses and called home to find out what they should do and how to get feeling better. I gave them both my fatherly advice and a few home remedies, but did suggest a trip to the doctor's office to get a shot and some medicine. Both were feeling better by the end of the week, and it is good to know at least my opinion still counts every one and a while.

### ELBA TIGERS CLOSE REGULAR SEASON WITH A BANG

The Elba Tigers closed out the regular season last week with a bang as they posted a big 41-21 win over the Opp Bobcats. The Bobcats and their fans came to town expecting a win over the Tigers and made a lot of noise early on, but had little to cheer about after the opening quarter as Elba took charge and pulled away to win by three touchdowns. Opp was convinced it had to stop the Elba running game to win the game and did slow down the Tigers' super-soph Carlos Matias, but by loading up to stop the run the Bobcats left holes in the secondary and senior quarterback Trey Martin picked the defense apart as he passed for almost 300 yards and 3 touchdowns. Elba's offense is anything but a one-dimensional attack, as another victim found out last weekend at Tiger Stadium. Opp had a big play on offense early in the game and scored late against the Tiger reserves, but except for that the Elba defense more than held its own and made some key stops on fourth down that enabled the Tigers to remain in control. The defense played winning football for all four quarters and it showed in the final score.

Elba's win last week was its seventh of the season, which marked the first time since the 2001 season that the Tigers were able to reach the seven win plateau, while the 41-point outburst made this year's team the third highest scoring team in the rich history of Elba Tiger football. This has been a season in which the Tigers have worked hard to turn the program back around, and so far it has been quite a ride!

### AREA TEAMS WATCH AS SEASON DRAWS TO A CLOSE

The high school football season ended last week for three of the four teams in the area, with only the Brantley Bulldogs being able to move on to the post-season party. Here's a quick look back at the tenth week of the season....

\*\*\* Brantley (9-1) used a dominating defensive effort to blank Luverne 21-0 and run its winning streak to six straight over its neighbors from across the county. The Bulldogs struggled on offense and scored twice on short drives after turnovers, but did score when they got the chance, and that is what good teams do. Brantley may not be the team most 1A fans are picking as a team to beat in the post-season. However, the Bulldogs have a winning tradition and will be a team no one will look forward to playing.

\*\*\* Zion Chapel (2-8) fell behind early and never recovered in a 59-13 setback to the Goshen Eagles. The Rebels had won two straight games heading into the contest and were hoping to end the season on a 3-game winning streak, but the wheels came off the Rebels' victory wagon early in the game and about the only question was how many points the Eagles would put on the scoreboard. The 2-8 record was a disappointment for Zion Chapel and the whole Rebel football family. However, the Rebels did play hard and did things the right way, which should lead to better days ahead.

\*\*\* New Brockton (4-6) had no problem in running past Kinston 48-16 and had to feel good about taking out a season of frustration on its cross-county rivals. The Gamecocks had way too much speed at the skill positions for the Bulldogs to handle, and made it look easy as they rolled to the lopsided win. New Brockton and its fans were convinced prior to the season this would be the year the Gamecocks would have plenty to crow about, but injuries took their toll and by mid-season the coaches were looking for anyone healthy to fill out the wholes. The key at New Brockton is to keep working and to believe that all the hard work will pay off... because it will.

\*\*\* Kinston (0-10) closed out a winless season with a lopsided 48-16 loss to cross-county rival New Brockton and I am sure many Bulldog fans are wondering once again if there is a future for football at the small Coffee County school. The winless season had to hurt all the players, coaches and fans. However, nothing comes easy in sports and there are no short cuts to success. Winning teams are built, and sometimes it takes a little longer to get it built than many like. The fans down in Kinston have to keep the faith and support the program if it is ever going to be a success.

### FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH....

\*\*\* It wasn't the best of weeks for college football fans across the state as Auburn won as expected against Tennessee Tech, Alabama played hard for all four quarters before falling to LSU, and Troy battled Georgia for all sixty minutes before falling to the Bulldogs over in Athens. The talk now around the state will be about the upcoming Alabama-Auburn game, and Auburn fans will also talk about the rumor that Tommy Tuberville may be traded to Texas A & M. For the folks up in Troy there is no doubt the Trojans have a very good team, and I have to wonder why the Troy officials wouldn't be just as happy winning a IAA national title as winning a second tier conference every year and playing in a bowl game.

\*\*\* I read in the papers over the weekend that Alex Rodriguez is asking for a contract of \$400 million for ten years, or a cool \$40 mil

million a season to play pro baseball. If A-Rod gets his contract, which he probably will, he will make approximately \$250,000 per game, or in an average game somewhere around \$60,000 per at-bat. I know the owners make big bucks in pro sports, but if I had to pay someone \$250,000 a game I would expect him to bat over .400 and hit at least 50-60 home-runs every season. Oh yea, and in A-Rod's case, get a few hits in the post-season.

\*\*\* In closing.... The Elba Youth Football League teams closed out their seasons last week at the Super Bowl and it was quite a season for all three teams as the Midget Tigers posted a 5-1 regular season record, the Termite Tigers placed second at the Super Bowl and the Pee Wee Tigers won the regular season title with a perfect 6-0 slate. The cheerleading squads competed over the weekend at the annual Youth Cheerleading Championships, and while none claimed the top prize all three took part and did a great job. Yep, it was a great season for the boys and girls.

### POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREP PLAYOFFS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped by the office over the weekend and had his map out showing me the way to get to Winfield. After looking at the map and calculating the mileage I told him the Tigers would be better off to play in Atlanta and save a few hours on the road. The local guesspert hit on 31 of 31 picks last week top move his season totals to 272-44, and then left this week's playoff picks. Here goes....

### WINFIELD 22 ELBA 20

The Pea River felines will hitch hike across the state this week in the opening round of the state playoffs and hope to have enough energy left when they get there to pull off an upset against a mountain batch of Pirates that will have an ambush waiting in the mountains of West Alabama. The felines have grown claws this season and will leave their mark on their opponents. However, the guess here is the long ride may take its toll and slow down the felines' and their high scoring attack.

### WINFIELD 22 ELBA 20

## Opening round of AHSAA state football playoffs kick off this week across the state in all six classifications

Five defending champions—Sweet Water (1A), Leroy (2A), Pike County (3A), Guntersville (4A) and Prattville (6A)—are in the 192-team field kicking off the 2007 state prep football playoff this week, according to the official first round pairings announced by the Alabama High School Athletic Association.

Athens in Class 5A is the only 2006 champion not making the playoff field. All games will kickoff at 7 p.m. This marks the 23rd year of the playoff under the six-class format. A four-class format was used during the first 20 years of the playoff that began in 1966.

The first four finishers from each of the eight regions are paired in a 32-team, rotating bracket by class for the five rounds of competition.

First round games Friday (Nov. 9) and one on Thursday (Nov. 8) will feature the region winners and runners-up hosting the fourth- and third-place finishers, respectively, from other regions. Second round games are scheduled Nov. 16, followed by the quarter-finals Nov. 23, the semi-finals Nov. 30 and the Super 6 finals Dec. 6-8 in Birmingham.

**2007 Football Playoff Pairings - First Round**  
(All games are Friday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. unless noted otherwise.)

**CLASS 1A**  
Providence Christian (7-3) at Sweet Water (9-0)  
St. Jude (8-2) at McIntosh (7-3)  
Sunshine (6-3) at Brantley (9-1)  
J.U. Blacksher (6-4) at Wadley (9-1)  
Billingsley (5-5) at Millry (10-0)  
Ariton (6-4) at Linden (8-2)  
Fruitdale (6-4) at Maplesville (9-0)  
A.L. Johnson (6-3) at Florala (8-2)  
Appalachian (5-5) at Hazlewood (10-0), Town Creek (7-3), Guin (7-3), Phillips (5-5) at Talladega County Central (10-0)  
Lynn (6-4) at Cedar Bluff (6-4)  
Gaylesville (7-3) at Sulligent

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### BRANTLEY VS. SUNSHINE

The Bulldogs from up across the river will host a litter of kitties this week in the opening round of the playoffs and have plans to chase the kitties out of town and out of the post-season party. The 'Dogs know there will be tougher fights on down the line as the party continues, but should stay focused this week and should be able to move on without much of a problem.

### BRANTLEY 34 SUNSHINE 0

**OTHER PICKS:**  
Sweet Water 49 Providence Christian 0  
Wadley 38 J.U. Blacksher 12  
Ariton 29 Linden 27  
Florala 45 A.L. Johnson 38  
American Christian 27 Houston County 12  
Excel 27 Highland Home 24  
Cottonwood 21 Holy Spirit 0  
Loachapoka 34 Georgiana 20  
Leroy 31 Luverne 0  
Picksens County 28 Houston Academy 10  
Lanett 35 Flomaton 13  
Wicksburg 28 Hale County 27  
Cordova 41 Slocumb 21  
Pike County 27 Aliceville 15  
Calera 33 Mobile Christian 17  
Gordo 24 Geneva 14  
Central Tuscaloosa 35 Opp 7  
Andalusia 28 Oak Grove 14  
Handley 21 T.R. Miller 7  
Fayette County 36 Daleville 34  
Jess Lanier 17 Greenville 14  
Charles Henderson 24 Parker 7  
Eufaula 31 Fairfield 3  
Prattville 38 Baldwin County 0  
Foley 42 Lanier 14  
Enterprise 17 Murphy 15  
Opelika 28 Blount 0

Lincoln (7-3) at Good Hope (7-3)  
Donoho (7-3) at Speake (9-1)  
Berry (7-3) at Valley Head (8-2)  
Shoals Christian (5-5) at Ragland (8-2)

**CLASS 4A**  
Opp (6-4) at Central-Tuscaloosa (10-0)  
Elmore County (8-2) at Escambia County (7-3), Atmore (8-2)  
Oak Grove (6-4) at Andalusia (9-1)  
Butler (4-6) at Briarwood Christian (10-0), Birmingham Erwin (7-3) at Russellville (9-1)  
Moody (6-4) at Fort Payne (10-0)  
Daleville (4-6) at Fayette County (8-2), Fayette T.R. Miller (5-5) at Handley (9-1), Roanoke

Jemison (6-4) at Trinity (7-3), Montgomery Boaz (7-3) at Desher (8-2), Tuscumbia

East Limestone (7-3) at Tarrant Bay (10-0)  
Rogers (6-4) at Saks (8-2)

Midfield (6-4) at Madison County (9-1), Gurley Priceville (6-4) at St. Clair County (8-2), Odenville

Alexandria (6-3) at Brooks (9-1), Killen

Onotona (5-5) at North Jackson (10-0), Stevenson

Hamilton (6-4) at Guntersville (7-3)

**CLASS 5A**  
Greenville (6-4) at Jess Lanier (9-1), Bessemer

Chilton County (7-3) at St. Paul's (9-1), Mobile

Pell City (6-4) at Tuscaloosa County (10-0)

Mountain Brook (7-3) at Huntsville (9-1), Milton Frank Stadium

Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa (5-5) at Gadsden City (9-1)

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# SPORTS



Elba Tiger offensive line coach Tim Brown talks with linemen during a break in the action in Friday night's 41-21 win over Opp. Listening to Coach Brown's instructions are Martin McCormick (78) and Michael Spurlin (53).

### Post seventh win of season

## Elba Tigers stop Opp 41-21

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor  
Photos by Mike Capps

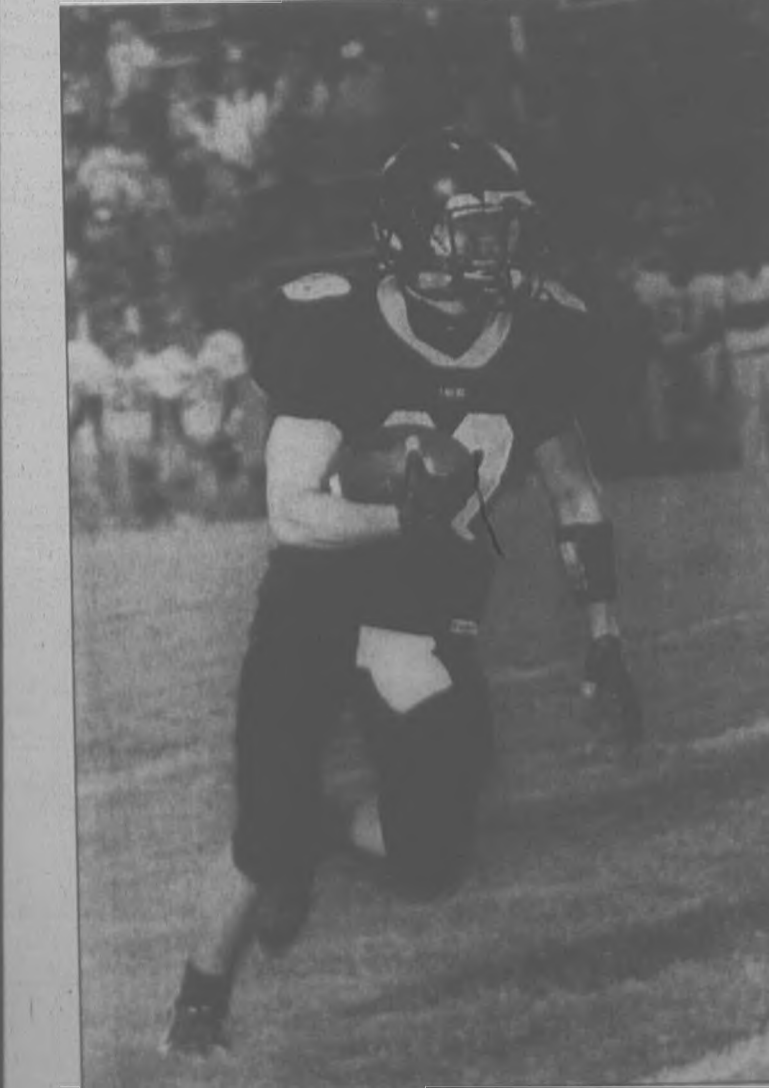
The Elba Tigers rode the strong arm of senior quarterback Trey Martin to their seventh win of the season Friday night as the Tigers rolled to an impressive 41-21 win over the 4A Opp Bobcats.

The win improved Elba's record to 7-3 heading into the opening round of the Class 3A state playoffs, while Opp slipped to 6-4 as the Bobcats prepare to enter the Class 4A playoffs.

Elba received the opening kickoff and drove 60 yards in 9 plays to grab an early lead. A 25-yard pass from Trey Martin to Michael Lindsey on the first play from scrimmage set the tone of the early scoring march, while the score came on fourth down and goal at the Opp 4-yardline when Martin connected on a 4-yard touchdown toss to Carlos Matias. The extra-point failed, but with 8:14 remaining in the first quarter the Tigers were on top 6-0.

Opp needed only two plays to answer the early Elba score, as on the Bobcats' second play from scrimmage Josh Scarbrough burst through a big hole and rambled 60 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point was true, and with 7:08 left in the opening quarter Opp owned a 7-6 lead.

The Bobcats added to their lead thanks to the defense, as on Elba's ensuing possession Garrett Blair stepped in front of a Trey Martin pass and returned the interception 65 yards for a touchdown. The extra-point was



Elba Tiger running back Bobby Hudson (28) got the call late Friday night and made the most of the opportunity as he gained 16 yards on 3 carries and scored a touchdown in the Tigers 41-21 win over Opp.

again successful, and with 4:36 left in the quarter Opp had increased its lead to 14-6.

Elba didn't stay behind on the scoreboard for long; however, as the Tigers took the ensuing kickoff and drove 50 yards in 12 plays to catch the Bobcats. A 15-yard pass from Trey Martin to Richard Cooks and a 27-yard completion from Martin to Carlos Matias were key plays in the scoring drive, while the touchdown came on a 1-yard run by Michael Lindsey. Martin passed to Cooks for the two-point conversion and with 10:34 remaining in the second quarter the score was tied at 14-14.

Elba began its Elba Tiger running back Carlos Matias (12) does a touchdown dance after scoring last week in the Tigers' 41-21 win over Opp.

Elba's Bobby Hudson intercepted a Bobcat pass early in the third quarter near midfield to bring the Elba offense on the field for the first time in the second half, and the Tigers picked up where they had left off in the first half as they drove 49 yards in 4 plays to get back in the endzone. The Tiger touchdown came on a 28-yard pass from Trey Martin to Michael Lindsey, and Richard Cooks kicked the extra-point as Elba's lead grew to 28-14 with 7:15 left in the third quarter.

The Tigers turned the ball over on downs at the Opp 14-yardline on their next possession, but got the ball back at the Elba 45 after a failed fourth down gamble, and this time needed only one play to reach paydirt as Trey Martin connected with Carlos Matias with a 60-yard scoring toss. The extra-point failed, but with 9:42 remaining in the fourth quarter the Tigers had taken a commanding 34-14 advantage.

Elba began its next possession at the Opp 35-yardline after another failed fourth down gamble by the Bobcats, and once again the Tigers cashed in on the scoring opportunity to blow the game open. Bobby Hudson got the call on the final three snaps of the possession and gained 16 yards, with the final carry going for 4 yards and a Tiger touchdown. Richard Cooks booted the extra-point, and with 4:10 remaining in the final stanza Elba was in complete command with a 41-14 advantage.

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Hines, but it did nothing but change the final score as Elba easily held on and posted the big 41-21 win.

Trey Martin completed 17 of 25 passes for 291 yards and 3 touchdowns and ran for 10 yards and 1 score to lead the Elba offense, while Carlos Matias gained 99 yards on 21 carries and pulled in 3 passes for 91 yards and 2 touchdowns. Michael Lindsey gained 12 yards on 3 carries and scored 1 touchdown on the ground, while in the air the Tiger 8th grader pulled in 5 catches for 98 yards and 1 score. Bobby Hudson added 16 yards and 1 touchdown on 3 carries, and Richard Cooks caught 5 passes for 71 yards.

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Hines, but it did nothing but change the final score as Elba easily held on and posted the big 41-21 win.

Trey Martin completed 17 of 25 passes for 291 yards and 3 touchdowns and ran for 10 yards and 1 score to lead the Elba offense, while Carlos Matias gained 99 yards on 21 carries and pulled in 3 passes for 91 yards and 2 touchdowns. Michael Lindsey gained 12 yards on 3 carries and scored 1 touchdown on the ground, while in the air the Tiger 8th grader pulled in 5 catches for 98 yards and 1 score. Bobby Hudson added 16 yards and 1 touchdown on 3 carries, and Richard Cooks caught 5 passes for 71 yards.

Dimetrio Tyson made 9 tackles to lead the Elba defense, while Matt Brunson chipped in with 5 tackles and Bobby Hudson had 4 stops and an interception. Sandarius Reed had 4 stops and a fumble recovery, and Tramond Craighead and Trey Belcher both had 4 tackles.

Josh Scarbrough gained 66 yards on 6 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead Opp.



A host of Elba Tiger defenders combine to stop an Opp running back for no game in last week's 41-21 win over the Bobcats. Combining on the tackle are Dimetrio Tyson (77), Matt Brunson (45) and Sandarius Reed (11).



**STATISTICS**

Elba	Opp	
21	1st Downs	28-143
31-136	Rushes-Yds.	61
291	Passing Yds.	204
427	Total Offense	7-11-1
17-25-2	Passes	1-1
2/0	Fumbles/Lost	1-28
0-00	Punts-Ave.	4-25
7-60	Penalties-Yds.	



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## SPORTS



Kinston Bulldog running back Matt Whigham (12) looks for room to run as a New Brockton defender dives in an attempt to make a tackle. Whigham gained 129 yards rushing and pulled in 79 yards as a receiver and one touchdown in the Bulldogs cross-county clash against the Gamecocks.



New Brockton Gamecock receiver Seth Culverhouse (44) heads up the sidelines after pulling in a pass in the Gamecocks big 48-16 win over Kinston. Culverhouse caught 8 passes for 154 yards and one touchdown as the Gamecocks closed out the season with a 4-6 record.

## Gamecocks rip Kinston 48-16

By Scott Johnson  
Statistics by Trey Medley  
Photos by Mary Johnson



Kinston Bulldog quarterback Aaron Jacobs (4) eyes room to run outside as teammate Garret Moore (44) makes a key block on the corner. The Bulldogs ended the season with an 0-10 record.

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The New Brockton Gamecocks took a short trip across the county to take on Kinston in the final game of the season and the Bulldogs could not contain the flighty birds as Nathan Foster passed for 131 yards on 7 completions. Seth Culverhouse pulled in 8 passes for 154 yards and a touchdown and Foster added 2 scores on the ground as the Gamecocks took home a 48-16 win.

Matt Whigham brought the hometown crowd to life when he returned the opening kickoff all the way to the 30-yardline, but the Gamecock defense rallied to force a missed field goal and New Brockton took over possession at the 20.

The Gamecocks ground their way down the field using 12 plays to cover 80 yards. Kyle Purvis pulled in a first down pass, while Tevin McNair and Dexter Gilley moved the ball well on the ground.

Gilley scored the touchdown on third and goal from the 6-yardline. Kyle Roehler added the extra point for an early 7-0 Gamecock lead.

Kinston fumbled on its next

play from scrimmage and New Brockton quickly capitalized. Nathan Foster hit Seth Culverhouse to set up a first and goal, and Foster scored on a 6-yard keeper to put New Brockton ahead 14-0 late in the opening period.

The Bulldog offense continued to falter, and Seth Culverhouse returned a Chris Cosby punt to near midfield. Kinston's Will Rhodes twice dropped the back for a loss to force a fourth and long, but Nathan Foster connected with Culverhouse again to set up another first and goal. Foster scored from 3 yards out for a 21-0 score early in the second quarter.

New Brockton recovered a loose football to regain possession deep in Bulldog territory, and Nathan Foster hit Seth Culverhouse for a 20-yard touchdown completion. Kyle Roehler booted his fourth extra-point of the half, and New Brockton led 28-0.

Cruz Johnson sparked life back into the Kinston offense when he broke through the left line and raced 53 yards deep into Gamecock territory. The visiting defense rallied to again force a missed field goal; however, and regained possession late in the half.

Tevin McNair carried to

move the chains twice, but John Moss dropped a back for a loss and Will Rhodes made a third down stop to force a punt.

Kinston put the ball in play and covered 64 yards to find the endzone before the end of the half. Aaron Jacobs connected with Matt Whigham twice, while John Moss picked up a first down inside the 5-yardline. Aaron Jacobs scored on a 2-yard keeper, and Matt Whigham scored the 2-point conversion to send the teams in at halftime with the Gamecocks on top 28-8.

Nathan Foster continued to shine in the second half as he connected with Seth Culverhouse 3 times for 54 yards. Tevin McNair scored on a 2-yard run on the first series after the break.

Kinston fought back to cut into the lead on its next possession. John Moss pulled in a pass at the right sideline, and carries by Cruz Johnson and Garrett Moore moved the chains again. Aaron Jacobs dropped back and hit Matt Whigham, who outpaced defenders 39 yards to find the endzone. Matt Whigham again pulled up the snap and raced for the endzone on the 2-point play, as Kinston trailed 35-16 late in the third.

Another kickoff through the endzone gave New Brockton the

ball at the 20-yardline, and the Gamecocks moved down the field to extend their lead. Seth Culverhouse pulled in a first down pass and Tevin McNair picked up a first and goal at the 2-yardline. Dexter Gilley carried the ball in from there for score.

After each team's defense held on downs, New Brockton regained possession when Justin Griswold picked a pass at the 25-yardline.

Tevin McNair scored from 11 yards out for the 48-16 lead late in the fourth quarter.

Kinston threatened again late when Aaron Jacobs hit Chris Cosby at the 5-yardline, but the Bulldogs were unable to push it in before time expired.

Tevin McNair gained 166 yards on 17 carries and scored 3 touchdowns to lead New Brockton on the ground, while Dexter Gilley added 93 yards on 27 carries and scored 2 touchdowns. Nathan Foster completed 7 of 10 passes for 131 yards, with Seth Culverhouse pulling in 8 catches for 154 yards and 1 touchdown.

Matt Whigham rushed for 129 yards and had 79 yards receiving to lead the Kinston offense, while Cruz Johnson added 87 yards rushing and 19 yards receiving.

## Kinston upset at state volleyball tournament

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs saw their goal of repeating as state champions at the State Volleyball Tournament come crashing down last week with an upset loss in the semifinal round.

The Lady Bulldogs opened the tournament with a 24-26, 25-18, 25-19, 25-18 win over Gaston. Deanna Manning led the Lady Bulldogs in the win with 12 kills, 4 blocks and 5 digs, while Heather Marlowe had 6 aces, 6 kills, 27 assists and 11 digs. Caitlin Tindell had 2 aces, 8 kills, 7 blocks and 3 digs; Jesi Johnson had 8 kills and 12 digs; Christie Whigham had 18 digs; Monica Wilford had 13 digs; and Kourtney Pierce had 12 digs.

The Lady Bulldogs were ousted in a 15-25, 25-23, 21-25, 15-25 loss to Athens Bible. Kourtney Pierce had 11 kills and 5 blocks to lead Kinston, while Caitlin Tindell had 10 kills and 9 blocks and Heather Marlowe had 40 assists.

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Kinston, which ended the season with a 41-3 record, was attempting to become the second Wiregrass school to win consecutive state titles in volleyball, joining Clio, which won back-to-back titles in 1977-78.

The Lady Bulldogs carried an 18-match winning streak into the state tournament, and were looking to claim the school's third state championship in the sport.



Kinston's Heather Marlowe sets a ball in action at a sub-state volleyball match. The Lady Bulldogs were upset at the state tourney in their attempt to repeat as champs.

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## SPORTS



Brantley's Terrell Burnett (22) fights for yardage in the middle of the Luverne defense in last week's 21-0 win over the Tigers. Brantley will host Sunshine this week in the opening round of the Class 1A state football playoffs.



REBEL DEFENSE AT WORK.... Four Zion Chapel defenders arrive to assist in bringing down a Goshen runner in last week's season finale for both teams. Zion Chapel closed out the season with a 2-8 record.

## Zion Chapel ripped by Eagles 59-13

Statistics and photos by Chris Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels saw their late-season surge come to an abrupt end Friday night in a lopsided 59-13 loss to the Goshen Eagles, at Green Memorial Stadium.

Goshen kicked off to open the game, but got the ball right back on a pass interception and scored on its first play from scrimmage on a 14-yard run by Marty Anderson. Tyree Wingard passed for the two-point conversion, and with 10:22 remaining in the first quarter the Eagles were already on top 8-0.

Goshen began its next series at the Zion Chapel 42-yardline after a Rebel punt, and this time needed only three plays to reach the endzone, with the touchdown coming on a 39-yard pass from Tyree Wingard. Wingard passed to Marty Anderson for the two-point conversion, and with 4:51 left in the quarter the Eagles' lead was up to 16-0.

Goshen began its third offensive series of the game at its own 36-yardline after a defensive stop, and covered the 64 yards to the endzone in only 5

plays to add to its lead. The score came on a 56-yard pass from Tyree Wingard to Marcus Jackson, and Wingard passed to Austin Bennett for the two-point conversion as the Eagles lead went to 24-0 with 1:21 left in the first quarter.

The Eagles got the ball right back on a fumble at the Zion Chapel 21-yardline and in four plays were back in the endzone. The score came on a 1-yard run by Tyree Wingard, and Wingard connected with Austin Bennett on a two-point pass, as Goshen's lead ballooned to 32-0 with 9:17 remaining in the second quarter.

Goshen put the ball in play at its own 22-yardline midway through the quarter after a Zion Chapel punt and this time needed eight plays to cover the 79 yards to the endzone. Marquez Maddox capped the long scoring drive with a 3-yard touchdown dash, and the Eagles kicked the extra-point to move on top 39-0 with 1:20 left in the half.

Goshen received the second half kickoff and promptly marched 48 yards in 5 plays to add to its lead. Marty Anderson scored the touchdown on a 36-

yard run, and although the extra-point try failed, it made little difference as Goshen owned a 45-0 advantage with 9:43 left in the third quarter.

Goshen began its next possession at the Zion Chapel 42-yardline after an unsuccessful fake punt attempt, and covered the distance in six plays to add to its advantage. The score came on a 17-yard run by Marquez Maddox, and the extra-point was true as the Eagles' lead went to 52-0 with 4:17 remaining in the third quarter.

Zion Chapel's Taylor Stephens returned the ensuing kickoff 39 yards to set the Rebels up at their own 46-yardline, and the Zion Chapel offense finally showed signs of life as it drove 54 yards in only five plays to get on the scoreboard. Joey Jones gained 16 yards on 2 carries to help the Rebels move the ball down the field, while Luke Peters gained 38 yards on 3 carries and scored the touchdown on a 5-yard run. A two-point try failed, leaving the score Goshen 52 Zion Chapel 6 with 1:18 remaining in the third quarter.

Goshen put the ball in play at the Zion Chapel 27-yardline early in the fourth quarter after a pass interception by Austin Bennett, and scored in only two plays to extend its lead to 59-6 with 9:51 remaining on the clock.

Zion Chapel began its next offensive series at its own 35-yardline and drove 65 yards in 12 plays to score the final points of the night. Joey Jones gained 13 yards on 4 carries and Luke Peters added 20 yards on 2 totes, while Garrett Stinson gained 10 yards on 2 carries and scored the touchdown on a 5-yard run. Logan Camley kicked the extra-point, and with 3:18 remaining on the clock the wild night of scoring was over with Goshen claiming the 59-13 win.

Luke Peters gained 70 yards on 13 carries and scored 1 touchdown to lead Zion Chapel, while Joey Jones added 44 yards on 15 carries.

## Up record to 9-1

## Bulldogs blank Luverne 21-0

By Greg Brunson  
Photos by Janet Brunson and Mike Capps

The Brantley Bulldogs closed out a 9-1 season Thursday night with an impressive 21-0 victory over the Luverne Tigers.

The Bulldog defense dominated the game by holding the Tigers to only 102 yards of offense and also set up two scores with interception returns, and returned one interception for another touchdown.

Brantley took the opening kickoff and drove from its 35-yardline to the Luverne 7. On third down, Dexter Daniels made a circus catch of a Chase Hall pass in the endzone for an apparent touchdown. However, a flag for an ineligible lineman down field wiped off the score, and moments later the scoring threat ended when Luverne's Payton McGhee intercepted an Anthony Gulley pass in the endzone.

Neither team threatened again until late in the half when Brantley drove 58 yards in 10 plays to reach the Luverne 21-yardline. The Bulldogs turned the ball over on downs after two 12-yard losses on sacks, and at intermission the scoreboard still read 0-0.

The initial four possession of the second half all ended in punts, with the exchange handing the ball back over to Luverne at the Brantley 42-yardline. The Tigers' excellent field-position didn't last for long; however, as on second down the Bulldogs' Roy L. Knighten stepped in front of a Tiger receiver and returned the interception 40 yards to the Luverne 20-yardline.

Two plays later Chase Hall connected with Dexter Daniels on a quick out pattern, and Daniels turned up field and raced into the endzone on a 16-yard scoring play. Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point, and with 1:41 remaining in the third quarter Brantley owned a 7-0 lead.

On the ensuing kickoff it looked like things were finally going the Bulldogs way as Tevin Daniels recovered, a pooch kick at the Luverne 30-yardline. The next four plays netted only eight yards; however,



A Brantley defender makes a big hit on a Luverne runner in last week's 21-0 win over the Tigers. The win was the sixth straight for the Bulldogs over the Tigers.

er, and the Bulldogs handed the ball back over to the Tigers at the Luverne 22.

Brantley got the ball right back, when on the final play of the third quarter Tevin Daniels picked off a Tiger toss at mid-field and returned the interception 27 yards to the Luverne 23-yardline. Anthony Gulley completed a 12-yard pass to Tevin Daniels that moved the Bulldogs inside the ten, while three running plays moved the ball to the Tiger 1-yardline, where Justin Wright squirmed his way into the endzone.

Barnes booted the extra-point with 7:49 remaining in the fourth quarter. Brantley's lead was up to 14-0. Barnes was as good as a Tiger receiver, a 30-yard interception return for a touchdown by Tory Upshaw, and Britt Barnes closed out the

night's scoring with the extra-point as the Bulldogs claimed the big 21-0 win over their cross-county rivals.

Terrell Burnett led a balanced running attack for the Bulldogs with 52 yards on 10 carries, while Justin Wright added 49 yards on 10 carries and Anthony Gulley added 42 yards on 15 totes. Dexter Daniels caught 2 passes for 25 yards and 1 touchdown.

## STATISTICS

B	10	1st Downs	L
40-120	Rushes-Yds.	24-61	
197	Passing Yds.	41	
102	Total Offense	102	
8-12-1	Passes	5-24-3	
143	Return Yds.	51	
6-40	Penalties-Yds.	3-17	

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Cheerleaders from Zion Chapel swept the top honors last weekend in all three age divisions at the second annual Tri-County Youth Cheerleading Championships.

## Elba and Brantley prepare to open play in state football playoffs

The Alabama High School Athletic Association will kick-off its state football playoffs this week, with two area teams taking part in the post-season action.

The (7-3) Elba Tigers will travel across the state to tangle with the (9-1) Winfield Pirates, while the (9-1) Brantley Bulldogs will be at home to entertain the (6-3) Sunshine Tigers.

Following are previews of both games:

### Elba at Winfield

Two of the highest scoring teams in the state in the 3A ranks will hit the field Friday

night when the Elba Tigers battle the Winfield Pirates.

The Tigers of Coach Scott Rials won seven games this season, the most of any Tiger team over the past 12 years, and will carry a 3-game winning streak into Friday night's clash.

Winfield will bring a 9-1 slate into the clash and has been ranked in the Top 10 in the state throughout the season.

The Pirates wins came over Sulligent 40-12, Carbon Hill 48-7, Gordo 19-13, West Blocton 42-7, Marion County 55-7, Lamar County 39-13, Greensboro 48-0, Hamilton 41-7 and Aliceville, while their only loss was to region champ

Cordova 38-16. The opening round match-up will feature a run-oriented team in Winfield against the spread offense of Elba, and should be one of the most interesting match-ups this weekend in the 3A ranks.

Elba City Schools superintendent Danny Weeks this week said he is very proud of the effort put forth this year by the Elba Tigers. He said the team is well-disciplined and the sportsmanship of each team member

has been evident all season long. Weeks said the team and coaches have represented Elba City Schools very well this season, and he commends them on making it to the playoffs.

### Sunshine at Brantley

The Brantley Bulldogs will be looking to begin a possible trek toward a berth in the Super Six Friday night when they host the Sunshine Tigers.

The Bulldogs will carry a 9-1 record into the first round match-up and will enter the game riding the crest of a 5-game winning streak. Sunshine will bring a 6-3 record into the number four spot in the region standings after a number of tiebreakers.

The Tigers posted wins over Francis Marion 28-20, Akron 38-12, R.C. Hatch 38-20, South Lamar 34-26, John Essex 24-6

and Greensboro 24-14, while losing to region foes Linden 43-06, Sweet water 64-0 and A.L. Johnson. The Bulldogs will be big favorites to continue their dominance in 1A circles against the upstart Tigers, but must avoid looking ahead to future opponents if they are to stay on course for bigger games in weeks to come.

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## Let's Go...Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



### Coon Hunting: Now and Then

Read one of the magazines devoted to coon hunting and you may be in for a surprise. The price commanded for a good coonhound approaches the price of a fairly decent used car.

The price of hounds is not the only thing that has changed in the time-honored sport of coon hunting. Brogans, inexpensive rubber boots, overalls and old blue jeans were the attire of the night. A kerosene filled lantern or dry cell flashlight provided adequate light for the hunt.

Not so with modern day coon hunting. Several mail order catalogues cater exclusively to today's high tech coon hunter. The old rubber knee boot has been replaced with lightweight rubber and fabric boots that not only keep the hunters feet dry, but provide protection from briars and snakes. Kerosene lanterns and dry cell flashlights have been replaced by rechargeable "hard hat" lights with a battery pack attached to the belt. These new lights feature a device that enables them to flicker, making the coon open his eyes, thus revealing his position because of the reflection from his eyes.

The old single shot .22 rifle or long tom shotgun that granddaddy hunted with has been replaced by the modern .22 auto-loading rifle or pistol, some equipped

with a variable power telescopic sight.

The mode of transportation to and from the woods has not escaped changing times.

Hunting hounds of years past were transported to the hunt site in the trunk of an old hunting car or in a shipping crate in the back of the farm pickup. Many of today's coon hunters arrive at the edge of the swamp in a \$30,000 four-wheel drive equipped with all the bells and whistles formally found only on plush limousines.

A coonhound worth his salt now sports a brightly colored nylon collar with the dog's name, the owner's name and phone number, and who knows, some probably even has a fax number on the collar. The dogs now ride to the woods in their custom-made aluminum dog boxes with adjustable ventilation settings.

High tech products have definitely found a place in a sport that can be traced back to early pioneer days; but even with all the new gadgets the actual hunt has changed very little.

The dogs are released, dry wood is gathered and a small fire started. Chewing tobacco is passed around and the conversation quickly focuses on great dogs—both alive and long departed. Hounds with names like: Old Blue, Queen, Big Red, Old Dan, and all the other dogs that have

trailed the crafty ringtails across a southern swamp on a cold February night and earned their places in the Coon Hound Hall of Fame.

Once the merits of different hounds are thoroughly discussed, the conversation turns to less pressing matters of the day, such as: national security, politics, marriages, divorces, guns, farming, pulp wooding and the latest activities of the "scoundrel of the community".

The dogs soon sound the "treed" bark and, as their forefathers before them, the hunters leave the warmth and security of a comforting fire and slosh through the sloughs and muck.

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## Elba Chamber of Commerce hosts "Pumpkins on the Square"

The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted one of the most anticipated events of the year last Tuesday evening, Oct. 30, on the square in downtown Elba. Through the years, "Pumpkins on the Square" has become a favorite event for people of all ages.



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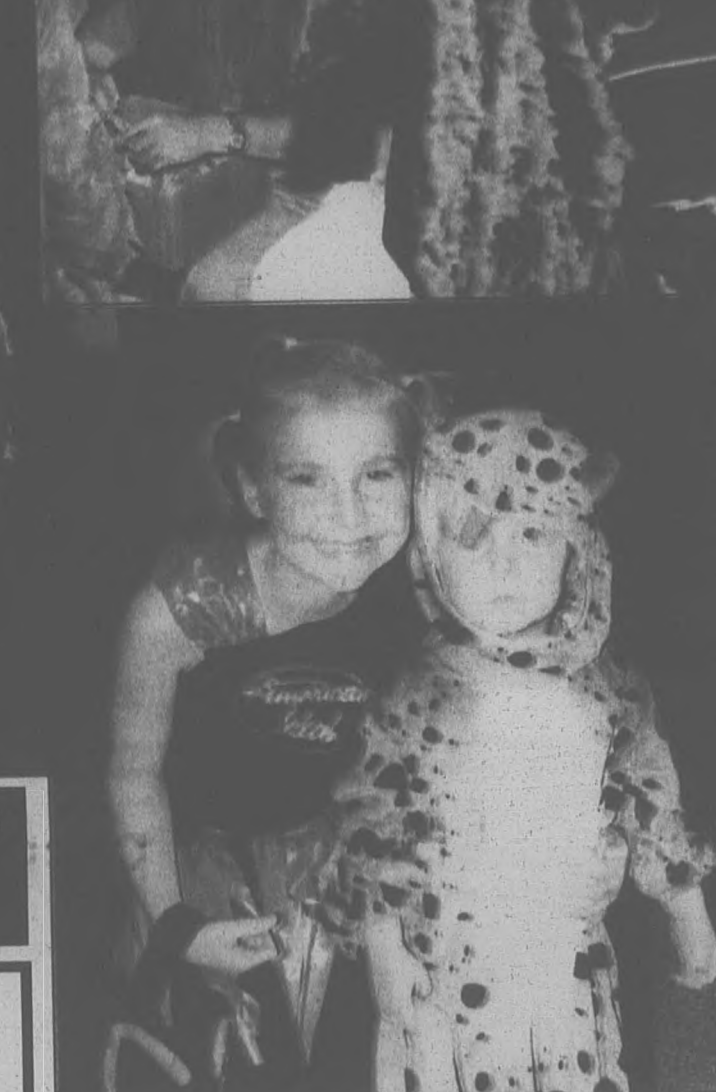
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Following last week's event, Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, said she believes the attendance for "Pumpkins on the Square" gets larger each and every year. The free event allows youngsters to dress in costume and trick-or-treat around the square from area merchants and other participants.

While "Pumpkins on the Square" is designed as an event for children, it has also become a favorite of adults as many can be seen making their way around the square also dressed in costume.

Below and to the right are just a few scenes from last Tuesday evening's "Pumpkins on the Square" event.



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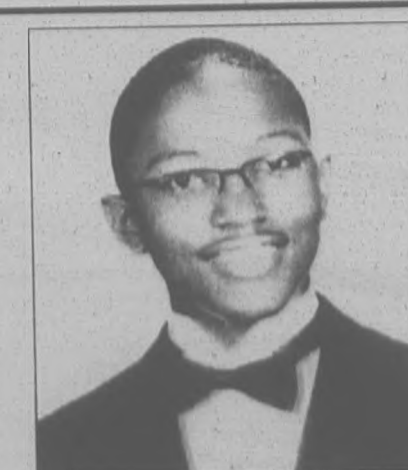
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## Obituary

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**CARLTON WILLIAM REEVES**  
Mr. Carlton William Reeves, age 84, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2007, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services will be held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, Nov. 8, at 11 a.m. with Reverend Louie Reynolds and Reverend Larry Doster officiating. Burial will follow in the New Haven Church Cemetery, Elba. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Wednesday, Nov. 7, from 6-8 p.m.

Mr. Reeves was preceded in death by his father, Obie C. Reeves; mother, Ola (Davis) Reeves; two sisters, Lily Williams and Verbie Davis; three brothers, Olice Reeves, O. C. Reeves and Douglas Reeves; and a grandson, Jamie Carl Odom.

Survivors include his wife, Lenora (Farris) Reeves, Elba; three daughters: Linda Reeves (husband Dal) Farris, Rachel Reeves (husband Chet) Barbaree and Cathy Reeves (husband Larry James) Odom, all of Elba; Judy Reeves (husband Jimmy) Johnson, Enterprise, Ala.; two sons, Billy Reeves and Larry (wife Cindy) Reeves, both of Elba; three sisters: Jewel Laird, Carnesville, Ga., Vera Henderson and June Kelley, both of Elba; two brothers: Euvhon Reeves, Elba, Clayton Reeves, Grand Bay, Ala.; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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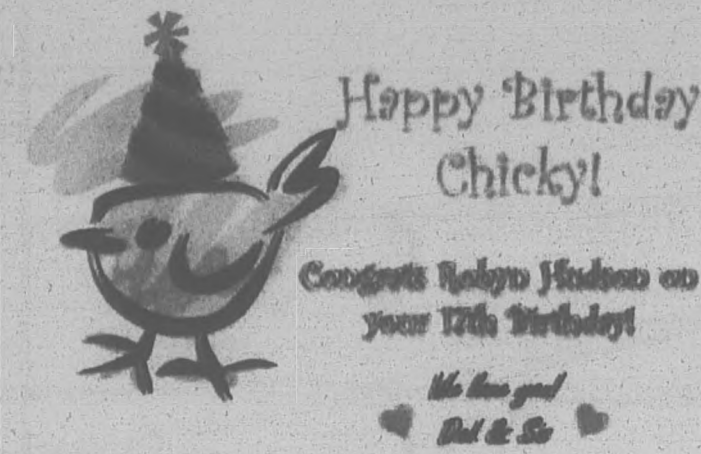
thank the taxpayers of Coffee County. She said the people have been good to shop in-county thus generating more local funds to the schools. Ingram said the increase from last year has been significant.

Also during the meeting, board member Galen McWaters made a remark in reference to the Tracy Lawrence concert held Friday night, Oct. 26, in New Brockton following the football game. He said he wanted the public to know the board did not approve or condone certain things that went on during the concert.

Apparently, several concert attendees did not follow school property rules and regulations for behavior and did some things they should not have done. No specific violation was named during the board meeting, however, McWaters said he had received several complaints.

Dr. Ingram said she would like the board to create a set of guidelines for future events.

In regards to personnel, board members approved the employment of Jana Morrow as a part-time custodian at Zion Chapel School.



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## During Coffee County Commission meeting Resident asks for help with County Road 422

by Linda Hodge, Editor

A resident of County Road 422 addressed Coffee County Commissioners Tuesday, Nov. 13, during the regular bimonthly meeting.

James King, a resident of County Rd. 422, said he has been living on the road for more than 34 years, and the road has never been resurfaced during that time. King said it has been patched on several occasions but never resurfaced. He said

the road is getting in rough shape.

King said the road sees a high volume of traffic, especially over the weekend. He said a lot of motorists use the road as a cut-thru road to Highway 189.

He also noted the high rate of speed many motorists use when they travel C.R. 422.

King said his presence at Tuesday's Commission meeting was to ask if something can be done for County Rd. 422. He said all of the residents on the road would certainly appreciate it.

In a 1.9-mile stretch of road on County Rd. 422, King said there are 21 houses and mobile homes. He noted several other area roads with less homes that have been resurfaced in recent past years.

Commissioner Robert Stephens said King is definitely right. The road is in need of resurfacing.

Stephens said many other roads in the same area of County Rd. 422 have been resurfaced, but mostly because federal

funds were acquired. He said the county is not able to acquire federal funds for C.R. 422 thus forcing resurfacing costs to come directly from the county budget.

In the past few years, Stephens said rising costs of fuel and other things have made it more difficult for the county to resurface roads without the help of federal funds.

"As commissioner of the district, I will do everything I can," said Stephens. "The road does need it (resurfacing), but we have many more (other roads) in the same condition."

Stephens did offer a little hope for King and others as he said a meeting has been planned with Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer to discuss possibly getting their help. He said C.R. 422 is on the list of roads to show the legislators to see if there is something that can be done.

Commission chairman Tom Grimsley said the meeting with Holley and Spicer is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 27. He said the senator and representative will tour roads in Coffee County.

## Coffee County Commission approves motion regarding lake project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the regular bimonthly meeting, Coffee County Commissioners decided Tuesday, Nov. 13, to make getting a lake in Coffee County a top priority.

Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said the county has looked at the possibility in the past, and he believes now is the time to make the issue a top priority. He said Barbara Gibson, director of the Choctawhatchee, Pea and Yellow Rivers Watershed Authority, agrees.

In conversing with Gibson, Dalrymple said he indicated now is the time to make a move with

such a project, especially considering the amount of attention being given to the water shortage issue.

The lake could be used as a reservoir, as well as, be a recreational attraction for the county.

"I think it will be a great benefit to the county to have a lake here," Dalrymple said.

Commissioner Bernest Brooks said the project is an important one, and he believes the county should move immediately to move forward with it.

Gibson, by chance, happened to be in the building during the commission meeting, and commissioners asked her to address the idea. She said her office is in a good position right now to assist the county in moving forward.

Gibson said the watershed authority has additional funds for Fiscal Year 2008 to fund study projects. He also said more funds are possible.

"As an agency, we (watershed authority) are certainly willing and ready to move forward with such a project," said Gibson.

Just as Commissioner Dalrymple pointed out, Gibson again suggested now is definitely the time for such a project with so much attention being placed on water shortages.

Also, in answering a question regarding the purpose of a lake, Gibson said a water reservoir certainly can have more than one purpose.

Commissioners voted unanimously to move forward with

the project.

During their report to commissioners, both Sheriff Dave Sutton and Chief Deputy R.W. Whitworth alluded to the upcoming holiday season.

Whitworth said the holiday season is coming up, and the sheriff's department expects burglaries to rise. He added this time of year also tends to reveal a rise in domestic violence cases, and the suicide rate often rises.

Whitworth said the department encourages county residents to be aware of the time of year and take measures to protect themselves and their property from criminals.

Sheriff Dave Sutton said the county needs the help of all residents to curb criminal activity during the holiday season. He said he wants residents to call the sheriff's department or their commissioner to report any suspicious activity in their neighborhood.



**A PROCLAMATION WAS PRESENTED** Tuesday morning, Nov. 13, from the Coffee County Commission to Pleasant Shade Missionary Baptist Church of Enterprise in recognition of the church's 100 years of service to the Lord. The proclamation commended church members for their dedicated service. Commissioner Bernest Brooks (left) presented a copy of the proclamation to Robert Hooks (right), church deacon, during Tuesday's Coffee County Commission meeting.

## On Duty: Meet the Coffee County EMS Team

Elissa Hope Helms joined the Coffee County EMS team 1 1/2 years ago and currently serves as a paramedic.

Helms' training includes CPR Instructor, ACLS, PALS, IHHITS, AMLS, EVOC and National Registry Instructor.

When asked what she enjoys the most about her job, she replied, "placing a smile on someone else's face."

Helms' most memorable experience on the job came when she aided in the delivery of a child.

Her hobbies and interests include talking, shopping, spending time with her dog Beau, and visiting with friends. Hope is also employed full-time by Enterprise Rescue and currently serves in the United States Air Force Reserve.



Paramedic Elissa Hope Helms

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The contractor began placing construction signs on Thursday, Nov. 8, and began resurfacing operations on Monday, Nov. 12.

The contractor will furnish adequate signs, flagpersons, and all necessary traffic control devices to protect workers and the traveling public. The traveling public is urged to slow down, obey all posted speed limits and warning signs, and use extreme caution while the project is under construction.

Any inquiries concerning this work should be directed to: Jessie Orsini, District Supervisor, (334) 225-4333; Patrick Henderson, District Engineer, ALDOT, (334) 287-4166; or Chris Crenshaw, Project Engineer, ALDOT, (334) 284-2399.

## Area Happenings

**THE COFFEE COUNTY FARM-CITY BANQUET** will be held Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Coffee County Farm Center in New Brockton beginning at 6:30 p.m.

**THE 2007 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON** enters the second round of the playoffs Friday night, Nov. 16, with only one team in action: The Brantley Bulldogs will host Wadley. Kickoff for the game is set for 7 p.m.

**THE CITY OF ELBA OFFICES** will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 22 and 23, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be monthly crews for any emergency with water, electric, gas or sewer. To report an emergency, call the Elba Police Department at 897-2333. The sanitation department will run a regular schedule.

**A BURNING QUESTION**, sponsored by the Coffee County Corporation Sheriff's Office, will be held Monday, Nov. 26, from 6-8 p.m. in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton. The event is open to the public and admission is free. It will include an evening of craft, decorating and holiday food demonstrations. Christmas decorations created by local artists will be on display and light refreshments will be served.

**A FREE HOLIDAY** luncheon, sponsored by the New Brockton Chamber of Commerce, will be held Monday, Dec. 3, from 1-3 p.m. in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton. Tickets can be purchased from New Brockton's Rotary Club member or at the luncheon.